CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	DSC00678.jpg
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Country of origin:	New Zealand
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	The District Court at Auckland
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	19 April 2011
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The file is a visual record of sexual exploitation. It shows an 11-year-old girl posing in a manner that displays her crotch. The girl is clothed but the camera focus on her genital area sexualises the photograph. Images such as this invite viewers to see young girls as sexually available. The effect is to create or reinforce a sexual interest in children.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.